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FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE REFLECTS POSITION AGREED TO WITH CANADIAN TEAM ON RESPONSE TO BE MADE TO PRESS INQUIRIES RE BILATERAL SHELF MEETING ON FEBRUARY 17. GUIDANCE IS FOR USE ON IF ASKED BASIS ONLY.

QUOTE--QUESTION: WAS THERE A MEETING YESTERDAY WITH THE CANADIANS ON OUR CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARY?

ANSWER: YES. CANADIAN AND U.S. OFFICIALS MET AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON FEBRUARY 17 CONCERNING THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARY IN THE GULF OF MAINE. THE TWO DELEGATIONS WERE LED BY THE LEGAL ADVISERS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. THIS WAS THE SECOND MEETING IN ON-GOING DISCUSSIONS INITIATED LAST DECEMBER. THE MEETING PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DETAILED
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PRESENTATION AND FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO SIDES. IT WAS AGREED THAT ANOTHER MEETING WILL

TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE BUT NO DATE HAS YET BEEN
SET.--END QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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